

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 291 ayes to 129 noes, Roll No. 330). **Pages H4657–61, H4664–65**

Rejected:

Nadler amendment that sought to increase funds (by offset) for the FBI by \$40,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 328); and **Pages S4649–50, H4663–64**

Stearns amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) that sought to increase funding (by offset) for expenses necessary of the Federal Prison System by \$500,000 (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 329). **Pages H4653–54, H4664**

Withdrawn:

Millender-McDonald amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Department of Justice Drug Court Programs by \$5 million. **Page H4661**

Point of Order sustained against:

The proviso, beginning on pages 15, line 18 thru page 16, line 4,4652–53 constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Pages H4652–53**

Mollohan amendment that sought to increase funding for State and local law enforcement authorization grants; and **Pages S4655–56**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment that sought to increase funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program by \$532 million. **Pages S4656–57**

H. Res. 890, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 319, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H4568–74, H4586–87**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4681.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4587, H4587–88, H4588, H4614, H4615, H4615–16, H4616, H4662, H4662–63, H4663–64, H4664, and H4664–65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

VETERANS AFFAIRS DATA SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Veterans Affairs Data Security. Testimony was heard from R. James

Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and public witnesses.

GROUND EQUIPMENT/ROTORCRAFT RESET STRATEGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Army and Marine Corps reset strategies for ground equipment and rotorcraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA., Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and GEN Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

MAKING INTERNET SAFE FOR CHILDREN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Making the Internet Safe for Kids: The Role of ISPs and Social Networking Sites.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HI-TECH INFORMATION/CONTENT PROTECTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Audio and Video Flags: Can Content Protection and Technological Innovation Coexist?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLINICAL LAB QUALITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Clinical Lab Quality: Oversight Weaknesses Undermine Federal Standards.” Testimony was heard from Leslie Aronovitz, Director, Health Division, GAO; Thomas Hamilton, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “Moving the CDBG Program Forward: A Look at the Administration’s Reform Proposal. Where Do We Go From Here?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Pamela Hughes Patenaude, Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development; and Todd M. Richardson, Senior Analyst, Office of Policy Development and Research; and the following officials of GAO: Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Strategic Issues; and Michael Springer, Assistant Director, Strategic Issues.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE MILITARY AND AT THE ACADEMIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held as hearing entitled "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women in the Military and at the Academies." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kaye Whitley, Acting Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office; VADM Rodney P. Rempt, USN, Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy; BG Robert L. Caslen, Jr., USA, Commandant, U.S. Military Academy; and BG Susan Y. Desjardins, USAF, Commandant, U.S. Air Force Academy; RADM Paul J. Higgins, USCG, Director, Health and Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Beth Davis, former U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5682, To exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India; H.R. 4014, Millennium Challenge Reauthorization Act of 2005.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be placed on the Suspension calendar: H.R. 5680, Ethiopia Freedom, Democracy, and Human Rights Advancement Act of 2006; H. Res. 700, amended, Supporting an upgrade in Israel's relationship with NATO to that of a leading member of NATO's Individual Cooperation Program, as a first step toward Israel's inclusion in NATO as a full member with all corresponding rights, privileges, and responsibilities; H. Res. 844, amended, Congratulating the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative on 10 years of significant achievement in the search for an HIV/AIDS vaccine; H. Res. 860, amended, Calling on the Government of Germany to take immediate action to combat sex trafficking in connection with the 2006 FIFA World Cup; and H. Con. Res. 435, amended, Congratulating Israel's David Adom Society for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

AFRICA MAKING SAFE BLOOD AVAILABLE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Making Safe Blood Available in Africa. Testimony was heard from Representative Fattah; the following officials of the Department of State: Caroline Ryan, M.D., Senior Tech-

nical Advisor, Deputy Director, Programs Services, Office of the Global Aids Coordinator; and Robert E. Ferris, M.D., Medical Officer, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Jerry A. Holmberg, Senior Advisor for Blood Policy, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Neelam Dhingra, M.D., Coordinator, Blood Transfusion Safety, Essential Health Technologies, World Health Organization.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LANDS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint oversight hearing on Meeting Electricity Demand in the West through Responsible Development of Energy Rights-of-Way on Federal lands. Testimony was heard from David H. Meyer, Deputy Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Laura Nelson, Energy Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Jon Huntsman, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5656, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2006.

S CORPORATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled "S Corporations—Their History and Challenges." Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRANT EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a hearing entitled "Immigrant Employment Verification and Small Business." Testimony was heard from Representative Calvert; Robert Divine, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

EISENHOWER INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines,

hearing Celebrating 59 Years: The Eisenhower Interstate Highway System. Testimony was heard from Richard Capka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

RAIL SAFETY INITIATIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on current FRA Rail Safety Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VA RURAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to provide high quality health care to veterans in rural communities. Testimony was heard from Jonathan B. Perline, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prospects for economic expansion in the United States, after receiving testimony from Edward P. Lazear, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; and Mickey D. Levy, Bank of America, and Brad Setser, Roubini Global Economics, LLC, both of New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed meeting to discuss training and equipping Iraqi security forces, 3:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to continue markup of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Ari-

zona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1812, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 2129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 2470, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 2502, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 3404, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant", and H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing on Environmental Protection Agency regional inconsistencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up S. 1321, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications, and proposed legislation to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 3570, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, S. 3546, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs, S. 707, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, S. 757, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and the nomination of Jonann E. Chiles, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mickey